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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving <u>at a messaging system in a network</u> a message from a first user to a second user, wherein the message originates at a first node in [[a]] <u>the</u> network, is addressed to a second node in the network, and includes a request for input from the second user;

sending <u>from the messaging system</u> the message to the second node; and

if no indication is received <u>at the messaging system</u> to indicate that the second user has read the message, then sending the message <u>from the messaging system</u> to a target <u>mobile</u> device associated with the second user, ~~the target device not being connected to the network~~.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating at least one target <u>mobile</u> device with the second user.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein sending the message to the target <u>mobile</u> device comprises sending the message sequentially to each target <u>mobile</u> device in [[the]] <u>a</u> list <u>of devices</u>.

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4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the message sequentially to each target mobile device in the list of devices comprises setting the first target mobile device in the list as a current device and repeating:

    sending the message to the current device; and

    setting the next target mobile device on the list as the current device if no indication is received from the current device to indicate that the second user has read the message;

    until the message has been sent to all target mobile devices in the list.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending the message to the target mobile device comprises first determining if the second user has any associated target mobile devices.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising waiting a time period before sending the message to the target mobile device.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the time period based on an urgency of the message.

8.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a response from the second user, and sending the response to the first user.

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9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the message ~~comprising~~ includes an approval request, and the input from the second user ~~comprises~~ includes a response to the approval request.

10.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notification to the first user if an indication is received to indicate that the second user has read the message.

11.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising waiting for a response from the second user if an indication is received to indicate that the second user has read the message.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising formatting the message for the target mobile device based on the capabilities of the target mobile device, before sending a message.

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a sequence of instructions which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

        receiving a message from a first user to a second user, wherein the message originates at a first node in a network, is addressed to a second node in the network, and includes a request for input from the second user;

        sending the message to the second node; and

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if no indication is received <u>by the processor</u> to indicate that the second user has read the message, then sending the message to a target <u>mobile</u> device associated with the second user, ~~the target device not being connected to the network~~.

14.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises associating at least <u>one</u> target <u>mobile</u> device with the second user.

15.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein sending a message to the target <u>mobile</u> device comprises sending a message sequentially to each target <u>mobile</u> device in [[the]] <u>a</u> list <u>of devices</u>.

16.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein sending a message sequentially to each target <u>mobile</u> device in the list <u>of devices</u> comprises setting the first target <u>mobile</u> device in the list as a current device and repeating:

    sending the message to the current device; and

    setting the next target <u>mobile</u> device on the list <u>of devices</u> as the current device if no indication is received from the current device to indicate that the second user has read the message;

    until the message has been sent to all target <u>mobile</u> devices in the list <u>of devices</u>.

17.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein sending a message to the target <u>mobile</u> device comprises first determining if the second user has any associated target <u>mobile</u> devices.

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18.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises waiting a time period before sending the message to the target <u>mobile</u> device.

19.   (Original)   The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises determining the time period based on an urgency of the message.

20.   (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor;

a network card coupled to the processor to enable communications with one [[of]] <u>or</u> more networks; and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing instructions which when executed by the processor, cause the system to perform a method comprising:

receiving a message from a first user to a second user, wherein the message originates at a first node in a network, is addressed to a second node in the network, and includes a request for input from the second user;

sending the message to the second node; and

if no indication is received <u>by the system</u> to indicate that the second user has read the message, then sending the message to a target <u>mobile</u> device associated with the second user~~, the target device not being connected to the network~~.

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21.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises associating at least one target <u>mobile</u> device with the second user.

22.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein sending the message to the target <u>mobile</u> device comprises sending the message sequentially to each target <u>mobile</u> device in [[the]] <u>a</u> list <u>of devices</u>.

23.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein sending the message sequentially to each target <u>mobile</u> device in the list <u>of devices</u> comprises setting the first target <u>mobile</u> device in the list as a current device and repeating:

    sending the message to the current device; and

    setting the next target <u>mobile</u> device on the list as the current device if no indication is received from the current device to indicate that the second user has read the message;

    until the message has been sent to all target <u>mobile</u> devices in the list.

24.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein sending the message to the target <u>mobile</u> device comprises first determining if the second user has any associated target <u>mobile</u> devices.

25.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises waiting a time period before sending the message to the target <u>mobile</u> device.

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26.   (Original)   The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises determining the time period based on an urgency of the message.

27.   (Original)   The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises receiving a response from the second user, and sending the response to the first user.

28.   (Original)   The system of claim 20, wherein the message comprises an approval request, and the input from the second user comprises a response to the approval request.

29.   (Original)   The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises sending a notification to the first user if an indication is received to indicate that the second user has read the message.

30.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises inserting a document identifier into a message before sending it to the target mobile device.